THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI KRISHNAM RAJU) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) In view of (a) above, question does not arise.

Conversion of INS Vikrant into a Maritime Museum

4172. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether INS Vikrant is being converted into a maritime museum; and

(b) if so, the details finalised with the Navy and Maharashtra Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI KRISHNAM RAJU) : (a) and (b) The State Government of Maharashtra had evinced interest in converting 'INS Vikrant' into a maritime museum. Accordingly, it was decided to gift the ship to the State Government for conversion into a museum. However, in April, 2000, the State Government conveyed its inability to implement the scheme. As such, it was decided to dispose of the ship as "scrap" and tenders were invited. However, in July 2000, the State Government of Maharashtra renewed their request for conversion of the ship into a museum. As such, the process initiated for disposal of the ship as "scrap" was kept in abeyance.

The State Government have since informed that the feasibility report and the site have been finalized. The State Government has been requested to shift the ship to an alternate berth and ensure the ship's safety.

The museum project is to be undertaken entirely by the Government of Maharashtra and is likely to take about three years to complete. No funding support by the Navy is envisaged.

Foreign defence personnel's training in defence establishments

4173. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have allowed foreign defence personnel to undergo training in defence establishments in the country during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what security measures are taken to ensure that such trainees have no access to classified documents and other secret premises ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI KRISHNAMRAJU) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. During the last three years number of foreign trainees trained in our training establishments is as under :—

(i)	1998-1999	—	648
(ii)	1999-2000	—	715
(iii)	2000-2001	—	1598

(c) Adequate precautions are taken during the training of the foreign defence personnel in our training establishments to ensure absolute safeguard of classified documents and secret premises.

Plight of war widows of Kargil Saheeds

4174. SHRI ABANI ROY : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many war widows of "Kargil Saheed's" are being tortured and harassed by their in-laws, Tel-Mafias and some corrupt officers;

(b) if so, the number of such complaints pending with Government;

(c) which such widows have been deprived of their husband's right to family properties;

(d) if so, the action proposed against the responsible; and

(e) the steps Government propose to take to protect such widows ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI KRISHNAMRAJU) : (a) to (e) An incident of torture, harassment and murder of a Shaheed's wife came to the notice of the Government in August 2000.

The Army Headquarters have reported that late Smt. Shiv Kumari Yadav, wife of late Rifleman Ram Nihor Yadav of 1/3 Gorkha Rifles, resident of Sultanpur District, Uttar Pradesh was murdered on 7th August, 2000. An FIR was lodged in Police Station, Kotwali Dehat, Sultanpur on the same day by the brother of the deceased. The Police apprehended Shri Ram Adhar, father-in-law and Shri Anand Kumar, son of Shri Daya Shankar for investigation.

In so far as the Central Government is concerned, it is ensured that the compensation amount provided to the widows of the martyred soldier actually,